

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**



**MARK DAYTON
GOVERNOR**

Emergency Executive Order 11-21

Declaring a State of Emergency in the State of Minnesota

I, Mark Dayton, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, including Minnesota Statutes 2010, Chapter 12, do hereby issue this Emergency Executive Order:

Whereas, on July 1, 2011 a severe weather front developed over southwest Minnesota and moved northeast spawning tornadoes and supercell thunderstorms; and

Whereas, these storms caused extensive damage to public infrastructure, the electrical distribution system as well as widespread damage to private property; and

Whereas, the resources of local, county, and state governments have been fully utilized to ensure immediate response to protect the life and safety of persons in the affected areas, including the following counties of Anoka, Brown, Isanti, Kanabec, Lincoln, Lyon, McLeod, Meeker, Pine, Pipestone, Redwood, Renville, Scott, Stearns, Wright and Yellow Medicine and to protect property and infrastructure from additional damage; and

Whereas, additional insurance adjusters from outside the state of Minnesota have been requested to assist and Minnesota Statutes, section 12.42 allows for a person holding a license in another state to render aid with the same force and effect as if issued in this state during a declared emergency.

Now, Therefore, I hereby order that:

1. A state of peacetime emergency exists pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 12.31.

2. The Department of Public Safety Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management will continue the activation of the Minnesota Emergency Operations Plan, continue the provision of on-site support and assistance to the affected local governments, and determine the need for supplementary disaster aid.

3. State agencies are directed to provide necessary assistance to help local units of government respond to and recover from this emergency.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 4.035, subdivision 2, this Emergency Executive Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until the emergency status no longer requires emergency response. The peacetime emergency can be extended by the Executive Council or the Legislature in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 2010, Section 12.31, subdivision 2.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 9th day of July, 2011.



Mark Dayton
Governor

Filed According to Law:



Mark Ritchie
Secretary of State

